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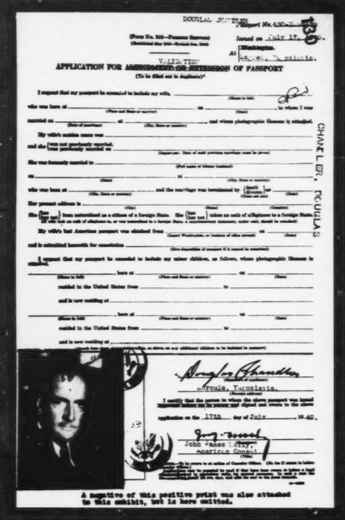

DOUGLAS CHANDLER, Passport No. 630[illegible]

(Form No. 10—Passport Bureau)
(Revised Mar 10th—Revised Jan. 1940)

Issued on July 17, 1940

At [illegible]

VALID FOR:

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OR EXTENSION OF PASSPORT
(To be filled out in duplicate)

I request that my passport be amended to include my wife, [illegible] (Name in full)

who was born at [illegible] (Place and State or country) on [illegible] (Date) to whom I was married on [illegible] (Date) at [illegible] (City, State or country), and whom photographic likeness is attached.

My wife's maiden name was [illegible]

and she has not previously married.
has previously married on [illegible] (Date)

She was formerly married to [illegible] (Full name of former husband)

on [illegible] (Date) at [illegible] (City, State or country)

who was born at [illegible] (City, State or country) and the marriage was terminated by [illegible] (Death or divorce) on [illegible] (Date)

Her present address is [illegible] (City) [illegible] (State) [illegible] (Country)

She has not last was naturalized as a citizen of a Foreign State. She has not taken an oath of allegiance to a Foreign State.
If she has taken an oath of allegiance to, or was naturalized in a foreign State, a supplementary statement, under oath, should be attached.

My wife's last American passport was obtained from [illegible] (Issuer: Washington, or location of office abroad) on [illegible] (Date)

and is submitted herewith for examination [illegible] (Give description of passport if it cannot be examined)

I request that my passport be amended to include my minor children, as follows, whose photographic likeness is attached:

[illegible] (Name in full) born at [illegible] (Place and State or country) on [illegible] (Date)
resided in the United States from [illegible] to [illegible]
and is now residing at [illegible]

[illegible] (Name in full) born at [illegible] (Place and State or country) on [illegible] (Date)
resided in the United States from [illegible] to [illegible]
and is now residing at [illegible]

[illegible] (Name in full) born at [illegible] (Place and State or country) on [illegible] (Date)
resided in the United States from [illegible] to [illegible]
and is now residing at [illegible]

If there are other children, or wife, or any additional children to be included in passport, give their full names, dates and places of birth on a separate sheet of paper and attach thereto.

CHARLES DOUGLAS

Douglas Chandler
(Person applying)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 1940.

John Agnes Gaffney
American Consul

(Do not write in space at left of Consular Officer. Cite No. 27 names in full as appears in the certificate of naturalization, or in the passport last issued to the holder. If a minor is born in the United States, cite the date and place of birth as stated in the birth certificate. If a minor is naturalized, cite the date and place of naturalization as stated in the certificate of naturalization.)

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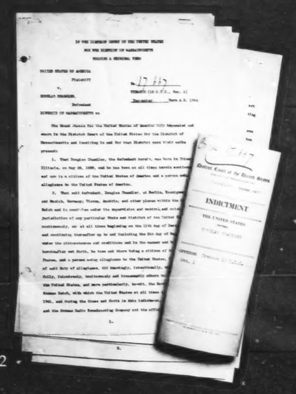

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
REGULAR CRIMINAL TERM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Plaintiff
v.
DOUGLAS CHANDLER,
Defendant

DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS, ss.

The Grand Jurors for the United States of America upon their oath present:

1. That Douglas Chandler, the defendant herein, was born in Illinois, on Sep 20, 1888, and he has been at all times herein mentioned and now is a citizen of the United States of America and a person owing allegiance to the United States of America.

2. That said defendant, Douglas Chandler, at Berlin, Reichshauptstadt and Munich, Germany, Vienna, Austria, and other places within the German Reich and it would [illegible] under its organization and control, and with the [illegible] declaration of war particular State and violation of the United States, on or all times beginning on the 17th day of [illegible] and continuing thereafter up to and including the 6th day of [illegible] under the circumstances and conditions and to the extent set forth in the [illegible] hereinafter set forth, he [illegible] and there being a citizen of the United States, and a person owing allegiance to the United States, [illegible] of said duty of allegiance, did knowingly, intentionally, [illegible] Nazi, falsely, traitorously and treasonably adhere to the enemies of the United States, and more particularly, Nazi, the German Reich, and the German Nazi Broadcasting Company and its officers, with which the United States on all times [illegible] 1941, and during the times set forth in this indictment, [illegible] and the German Nazi Broadcasting Company and its officers

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Douglas Chandler was a World War II "radio traitor," an American who broadcast Nazi propaganda to the United States over Radio Berlin. Taking the pseudonym "Paul Revere," Chandler signed on to the sound of thundering hoofs on cobblestone streets and "Yankee Doodle Dandy": "From the heart of Hitler Germany, your messenger Paul Revere greets you again." Referring to himself as "a patriotic American" and to President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a "warmaker," Chandler attempted to fill his American audience with doubt about the Allies' ability to win the war.

Captured by American authorities at the end of the war, Chandler was returned to the United States in 1946 to stand trial for treason, a crime established as a federal offense by the U.S. Constitution. On July 30, 1947, the jury found the defendant guilty. The seventy-three-year-old Chandler was released from prison in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy commuted his life sentence.

Unless credited otherwise, documents are from the National Archives, Records of District Courts of the United States.

1. Douglas Chandler's "Application for Validation of Passport," July 17, 1940.
2. "Indictment," December 1946.
3. RCA 77D microphone, used internationally during the World War II period. Courtesy, Charles Mayo, National Archives.
4. "Judgment and Commitment," July 30, 1947.
5. "Transcript of Record, Volume IV, October Term, 1947."
6. Nazi troops on parade in Nuremburg, 1938. National Archives, Records of the U.S. Information Agency (306-NT-865K-5).

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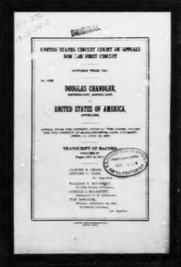

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT

No. 5396

DOUGLAS CHANDLER,
Appellant, pro se,
v.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Appellee.

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD

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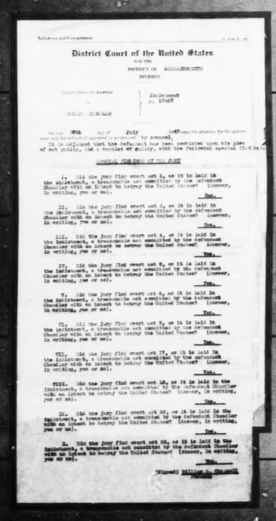

District Court of the United States
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
DIVISION

[illegible] No. 17487

[illegible] 17th day of July, 1947 came the attorney for the government and the defendant appeared in person and by counsel.

It is adjudged that the defendant has been convicted upon his plea of not guilty, and is guilty of guilty, which the following special finding is made:

SPECIAL FINDINGS OF THE JURY

1. Did the jury find every act 1, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

12. Did the jury find every act 2, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

13. Did the jury find every act 4, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

14. Did the jury find every act 5, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

15. Did the jury find every act 6, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

16. Did the jury find every act 7, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

17. Did the jury find every act 8, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

VII. Did the jury find every act 9, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

VIII. Did the jury find every act 10, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

IX. Did the jury find every act 11, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

X. Did the jury find every act 12, or it is left in the indictment, a treasonable act committed by the defendant Douglas Chandler with an intent to betray the United States? Answer, in writing, yes or no.

Yes.

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